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1 Corinthians 14:1-25: Chase After Gifts That Will Bless Others!

γλῶσσα: (usually translated tongue)

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2. Things we might say.
3. Language
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1. The physical muscle in your mouth.

After He took Him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears. Then He spit and touched the man's tongue. (Mark 16:33)

So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire." (Luke 16:24)

People gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. (Revelation 16:11)

2. Things we might say:

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. (James 1:26)

3. Language

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. (Revelation 5:9)

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)

4. Prayer or praise directed towards God, generally not understood by the speaker.

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 14:2)

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. (1 Corinthians 14:14)

Verses 14:1-3

Gifts of...

Tongues: Person



God

Prophecy: God
and comfort)



People (strengthen, encourage,
and comfort)

14:4-5

Who is edifying in the gifts of tongues and prophecy?

14:6-8

What is Paul saying about the musical instruments and these gifts?

14:9-12

Where should we excel?

14:13-17

How can we pray both with our spirit and our mind?

14:18-21:

What happened in the quote from Isaiah? What is Paul trying to tell us?

14:22-25

Have you ever experienced the Lord in this way?

APPLICATION #1:

THREE WAYS CHRISTIANS UNDERSTAND THE GIFT OF TONGUES

1. Pentecostal/Charismatic: AOG, Four Square
2. Continuationist (John Piper): Evangelicals that believe that all the spiritual gifts are available today and should be pursued. (Or are at least believe, God may choose to use these gifts.)
3. Cessationist (John MacArthur, Dallas TS)

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

APPLICATION #2

THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF TONGUES CAN BE A BLESSING.

APPLICATION #3

IN THIS CHAPTER, PAUL IS ENCOURAGING THE BELIEVERS TO PURSUE GIFTS THAT WILL STRENGTHEN, EDIFY AND BLESS OTHERS (ESPECIALLY PROPHECY).

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. (1 Corinthians 14:1)

How can you go after love?

Spend time every day with Jesus. Trying to become like him.

Practice putting others first.

Look for ways to serve another.

Not with words or speech but in actions and truth.

How can you be zealous for gifts?
Obedience to the Spirit and the Word of God.
Put away sin and put on Christ.
Follow his urging today – do not delay!

HOME GROUP Questions for 1 Corinthians 14:1-25...

1. As in the past, there remains today many questions regarding the gift of tongues. Please read the following Scriptures and discuss this gift within your group.
 - Acts 2:1-13 – Tongues at Pentecost
 - Acts 10:46 – Speaking in tongues
 - Acts 19:6 – Speaking in tongues
 - 1 Corinthians 13:1
2. What does Paul mean when he says we should eagerly seek the spiritual gifts? How does one do this especially when they are not talked of much these days? Do you think the spiritual gifts are still relevant for today? If so, how are they exercised?
3. What do think Paul's main point is in chapter 14? Keep in mind the context of the entire letter? What was the issue regarding the Corinthian's corporate worship?